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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING
INFORMATION CONCERNING KANGAROO LEATHER

1. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ENFORCES FEDERAL LAW
REGULATING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE POSSESSION, SALE,
IMPORT OR EXPORT OF WILDLIFE OR PRODUCTS DERIVED THEREFROM.

2. THE USFWS CURRENTLY IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL
VIOLATION OF THE U. S. ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (16 USC 1531-
43) BY THE FIRM OF CANADA CYCLE AND MOTOR COMPANY LTD.,
NEW HAMPSHIRE, (U.S. OPERATIONS). THIS FIRM HAS IMPORTED
INTO THE U. S. APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 400,000 WORTH OF
FOOTWEAR MADE OF KANGAROO LEATHER. THE COMPANY HAS NOT
PROVIDED PROPER DOCUMENTATION FOR THIS IMPORTATION. BE
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ADVISED, 3 SPECIES OF KANGAROO HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE
THREATENED SPECIES UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND
IMPORTATION OF PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM THOSE SPECIES IS PRO-
HIBITED EXCEPT UNDER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. USFWS NEEDS TO DETERMINE:

A. THE SPECIES OF KANGAROOS FROM WHICH THE LEATHER USED
IN THE SUBJECT FOOTWEAR WAS DERIVED;

B. WHETHER ANY VIOLATIONS OF AUSTRALIAN LAW ARE INVOLVED
IN THE TAKING OR EXPORT OF THESE SKINS/LEATHER.

4. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED:

A. PLEASE CONTACT APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS OF THE
AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, CANBERRA, ACT 2600 AND REQUEST THEIR
ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHAT SPECIES OF KANGAROO LEATHER

B. FUREDY AND COMPANY, 5-7 BYRNES STREET, BONTAY, NEW
SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA HAS SHIPPED TO CANADA CYCLE
COMPANY LTD., 666 INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, ST. JEAN, QUEBEC,
CANADA. USFWS IS INTERESTED IN TRANSACTIONS WHICH TOOK
PLACE FROM 1975 TO PRESENT. COPIES OF ANY APPROPRIATE
DOCUMENTS OR PERMITS INVOLVED IN SUCH TRANSACTIONS ALSO
ARE REQUESTED.

B. PLEASE ADVISE AUSTRALIAN AUTHORITIES THAT U. S. IS
WILLING TO COPPOERATE FULLY IF VIOLATION OF AUSTRALIAN
LAW IS INVOLVED.

C. FYI POINTS UNDER DISCUSSION HEREIN CENTER AROUND
PROBABLE VIOLATION OF US LAW INVOLVING COMMERCE IN KANGAROO
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PRODUCTS AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH GOA CONCERN OVER
WHETHER THREE KANGAROOS (WESTERN GREY, EASTERN GREY AND RED)
PRESENTLY ON U. S. LIST OF THREATENED SPECIES SHOULD OR
SHOULD NOT BE CLASSIFIED AS THREATENED SPECIES. THAT
DETER.8NATION HAS BEEN MADE AND THOSE THREE SPECIES ARE
NOW LEGALLY SO CLASSIFIED UNDER U. S. LAW. PRESENT
INVESTIGATION INVOLVES POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF OTHER
STATUTES IN ADDITION TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT.

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